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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 630
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Sharon Mayor
George Broussard.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of George Broussard of Sharon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, raised in Delcambre, Louisiana, he attended college, and later worked as a farmer in northern Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, George Broussard, and his wife, Glenda Lee, moved to Sharon, approximately thirty years ago, and became the proud owners of Sharon Hardware and Furniture, which is now known as Sharon Furniture and Appliance; although he was an astute businessman, he loved the outdoors and farming; subsequently, he sold the store in 1975; and

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WHEREAS, pursuing his interest in agriculture, Mr. Broussard purchased land throughout Weakley County, which he prepared for farming and duck hunting; a diverse and innovative farmer, he also leased 10,000 acres of land in British Honduras for use as rice farms; and

WHEREAS, compelled to make a positive difference in the lives of his fellow citizens, George Broussard ran for public office and was elected as Mayor of Sharon in 1979, a position in which he served with the utmost dedication, integrity, and acumen for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard, during his progressive period as Mayor of Sharon, played a significant part in the efforts to reestablish Sharon High School; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable public servant also served with distinction as a Weakley County Commissioner from 1978 to 1982 and 1986 until his death; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, George Broussard distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was a valuable and active member of numerous civic organizations; he served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Northwest Tennessee Development District and the Policy Council of the Northwest Tennessee Human Resource Agency since 1995; he also served as Chairman of the Highway and Waterways Committee, now known as the Public Works Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, George Broussard will be sorely missed by his loving wife of over thirty-one years, Glenda Lee Broussard, and his dear son, Stewart; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Mr. Broussard enjoyed being in the out of doors, surrounded by the land he loved; an avid sportsman and duck hunter, he was also a gourmet chef of Cajun cuisine; he was especially adept at preparing duck gumbo, which he was fond of cooking for his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, he was the epitome of a kind neighbor and citizen; he was a wonderful human being, loved by all who were privileged to have known him; and

WHEREAS, George Broussard leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in business and public office, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of former Sharon Mayor George Broussard, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his steadfast service to the citizens of Sharon and Weakley County, his numerous acts of kindness, and the courage and honor with which he served the citizens of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of George Broussard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.